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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeremy Mereness on 06/09/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification, page 1, line 3, before "Aluminous ceramic grains" add the following header - - BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION - - .

In the Specification, page 2, line 19, before "According to the invention" add the following header - - SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION - - .

In the Specification, page 4, line 13, after "preferably in bonded products or in coated products.", add the following header - - BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS - - .

In the Specification, page 4, after the newly added header "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS", insert

- - Figure 1 illustrates white corundum, in cross-section.

Figure 2 illustrates Cerpass grains, in cross-section.

Figure 3 illustrates corundum crystals surrounded by a nonstoichiometric MgO-Al₂O₃ spinel phase. - -

In the Specification, page 4, before "The following nonlimiting examples" and after "Figure 3 illustrates corundum crystals surrounded by a nonstoichiometric MgO-Al₂O₃ spinel phase" as added by the examiner's amendment above, add the following header - - DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS - - .

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NOAH S. WIESE whose telephone number is (571)270-3596. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:30am-5:00pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry Lorengo can be reached on 571-272-1233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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